The History of Taxes and Alternatives

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1. What did the pharaohs of ancient Egypt and the Roman Empire tax?

2. What was the Stamp Act and why did it anger the American colonies?

3. How did the colonists protest this taxation?

4. Finish the sentence: “When the U.S. Constitution was being written, our Founding Fathers knew

5. What did the Constitution give Congress the authority to do?

6. What is a **tariff**?

7. What major event in U.S. History created the need for an **income tax**?

8. Name 5 items that were subject to **excise taxes** to help pay for the Civil War.

9. What other two wars created a need for more taxes?

10. In spite of the Revenue Act of 1916, the government still had two problems. What were they?

* 1)
* 2)

11. What happened on October 29, 1929?

12. What was tax money used for during World War II?

13. What does IRS stand for and what is it’s function?

14. What is the “pay-as-you-go” system AND what is the problem with it?

15. Read about **tax evasion** on page 57. What is it and what are the penalties for those who do it?

16. Starting on page 61, read about the Fair Tax Plan. What is it?

17. Complete this chart with the pros and cons of this plan.

**Pros**  **Cons**

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18. ***Extended Response:*** Take a stand. Are you in favor of the Fair Tax Plan? Support your claim with evidence from the chart.